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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VU ET AL.

Examiner

Lourdes C. Cruz

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

Claims 1-4 and 6-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eichelberger et al. (US 6396148).

Eichelberger et al. discloses a microelectronic device comprising:

A microelectronic die having a plurality of bond pads 107,120 (see fig. 3G) on an active surface thereof, said microelectronic die being fixed (through 103) within an opening in a package core; and an interfacial metal layer 108 deposited over said active surface of said microelectronic die, said interfacial metal layer having at least one conductive element 114 that is conductively coupled to multiple bond pads on said active surface of said microelectronic die to provide signal distribution between points within said die.

Eichelberger et al. also discloses a microelectronic device wherein:

- At least one build up metallization layer 109 is deposited over said interfacial metal layer, said at least one build up metallization layer

being conductively coupled to said interfacial layer through a dielectric layer 112 having a plurality of via holes.

- Said at least one conductive element includes (See Fig. 7) a first pad 230 that is directly coupled to a first bond pad on said active surface of said die, a second pad 230 is directly coupled to a second bond pad on the active surface of the die, and a conductive trace 234 portion connecting said first and second pads
- The at least one conductive element receives a signal from a first bond pad on the active surface of said die to transfer the signal to a second bond pad on the active surface of the die
- Said interfacial layer is deposited on a pasivation layer of the die
- A second die fixed in the package core, wherein the interfacial layer 108 includes at least one conductive element that is conductively coupled to both the first and a second bond pad on the second die
- Encapsulant 104
- See that chips 102 are fixed within a common opening (see filler 104 that is common to both chips)
- See that chips 102 are fixed within separate openings (see filler 104 to the other sides of 102, which is not common to both chips)

Claim 5 recites an intended use limitation. It has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. *Ex Parte Masham*, 2 USPQ F.2d 1647 (1987)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eichelberger et al. (US 6396148).

Eichelberger teaches all the limitations above. However, Eichelberger fails to specifically disclose a package core from a metal material. See that package cores made of metal material are commonly known in the art for their heat absorbing, heat sink properties. It would have been obvious to one with skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to incorporate a package core from a metal material to the invention of Eichelberger et al., since package cores made of metal are well known among semiconductor artisans for their heat absorbing, heat sinking properties.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01-06-2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Firstly, the examiner would like to point out that Eichelberger et al.'s filing date is Feb. 10, 2000, therefore the 102 (e) rejection provided above. Regarding Applicant's arguments that:

- Eichelberger et al. do not disclose one of the conductive elements being coupled to multiple bond pads

See that Eichelberger et al. discloses multiple bond pads 107 and 120. Therefore, Eichelberger et al discloses "multiple" bond pads coupled to the conductive element 114.

See that Applicant's amendments necessitated any new grounds of rejection above.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elle Cruz whose telephone number is 703-306-5691. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10-6:30.

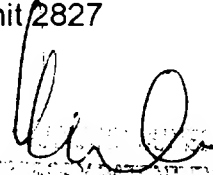
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kammand Cuneo can be reached at 703-308-1233. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.



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